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1. Arab states may favor UK trusteeship for Libya --The US delegation to the UN reports from Paris that Arab sentiment seems to be slowly crystallizing in favor of UK trusteeship for all Libya. The delegation indicates that although the Arabs would prefer immediate independence for Libya, they might accept British trusteeship as the only practical alternative which not only would eventually lead to independence but would forestall other less satisfactory solutions (such as Italian trusteeship for Tripolitania).

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(CIA Comment: Arab support for British trusteeship of Libya will not increase the likelihood of General Assembly approval because many Latin American states, who support Italian claims for trusteeship of the Tripolitanian portion of Libya, will probably oppose the plan.)

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belief that "many UN delegations which were at first disposed to support the Bernadotte plan for Palestine are now pausing for second thoughts." The Israeli representative is therefore hopeful that the UN decision on Palestine will be more favorable to Israel than the Bernadotte plan. The representative added that Israel did not want war but that, if hostilities should be renewed, the Israeli forces would for the first time make an all-out effort to crush Arab resistance.

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3. **GREECE: Government may not obtain confidence vote--** US Ambassador Grady considers that the Greek Government may fail to obtain a vote of confidence in Parliament (which convened on 1 October) and therefore may fall at any time. Grady says that Populist-Liberal cooperation on the highest levels is relatively good and that the present threat comes from the rank and file deputies of both parties. According to Grady, one of the Populist leaders believes that if the cabinet were reshuffled to include some of the dissident Populists and Liberals, party discipline could be restored sufficiently to insure the safety of the government in Parliament.

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(CIA Comment: A reshuffle of the cabinet such as that suggested would not materially change the present coalition government. It is possible, however, that this reported political unrest, resulting largely from the Greek Army's failure to win a decisive victory over the guerrillas, may eventually provoke a royalist coup.)

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4. Possible invasion of Honduras -
 has informed that revolutionaries, "quietly aided and abetted" by President Arevalo of Guatemala, may invade Honduras about 10 October. suggested that the US "express itself forcibly" in order to localize the disturbances. A CIA source has also been informed that an uprising is imminent in Honduras.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the Honduran Government will suppress any localized disturbances. In the unlikely event that Guatemala intervenes directly on behalf of the revolutionaries, Somoza will probably intervene on behalf of the Honduran Government unless the US warns both sides against such intervention.)

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